

REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejection

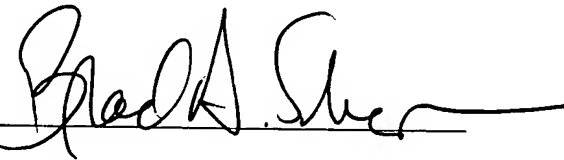
Claim 31 stands rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,669,909. The Applicant has filed a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to obviate the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant's application is now in condition for allowance with pending claims 19-50.

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. Timely action towards a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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